DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 289/2026

of 23 October 2026

amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement

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THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ("the EEA Agreement"), and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/131 of 20 January 2026 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards animal health requirements for non-commercial movement of pet animals[1] is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

(2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/132 of 20 January 2026 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 as regards rules for the traceability of kept dogs, cats and ferrets[2] is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

(3) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/133 of 20 January 2026 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 as regards rules for the movement within the Union of kept dogs, cats and ferrets, and other carnivores[3] is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

(4) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/134 of 20 January 2026 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 as regards rules for surveillance and disease-free status from infestation with *Echinococcus multilocularis*[4] is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

(5) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/135 of 20 January 2026 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 as regards rules for entry into the Union, and the movement and handling after entry of consignments of dogs, cats and ferrets[5] is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

(6) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/636 of 20 March 2026 adopting lists of third countries or territories that comply with certain conditions for non-commercial movements of pet animals[6] is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

(7) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/705 of 20 March 2026 establishing model identification documents and model declarations for non-commercial movements of pet animals[7] is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

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1 OJ L, 2026/131, 27.3.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2026/131/oj
2 OJ L, 2026/132, 27.3.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2026/132/oj
3 OJ L, 2026/133, 27.3.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2026/133/oj
4 OJ L, 2026/134, 27.3.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2026/134/oj
5 OJ L, 2026/135, 13.4.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2026/135/oj
6 OJ L, 2026/636, 27.3.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2026/636/oj
7 OJ L, 2026/705, 27.3.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2026/705/oj

(8) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/848 of 10 April 2026 amending Annexes I and II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/403 as regards model animal health certificates for movements between Member States of consignments of dogs, cats and ferrets, and other carnivores and for the entry into the Union of consignments of dogs, cats and ferrets[8] is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

(9) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/131 repeals Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/772[9], which is incorporated into the EEA Agreement and which is consequently to be repealed under the EEA Agreement.

(10) This Decision concerns legislation regarding live animals other than fish and aquaculture animals. Legislation concerning these matters shall not apply to Iceland, as specified in paragraph 2 of the Introductory Part of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement. This Decision is therefore not to apply to Iceland.

(11) This Decision concerns legislation regarding veterinary matters. Legislation regarding veterinary matters shall not apply to Liechtenstein as long as the application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products is extended to Liechtenstein, as specified in the sectoral adaptations to Annex I to the EEA Agreement. This Decision is therefore not to apply to Liechtenstein.

(12) Annex I to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Part 1.1 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement is amended as follows:

1. The following is inserted after point 10b (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/772):

‘10c. **32026 R 0636**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/636 of 20 March 2026 adopting lists of third countries or territories that comply with certain conditions for non-commercial movements of pet animals (OJ L, 2026/636, 27.3.2026).

This act shall not apply to Iceland.

10d. **32026 R 0705**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/705 of 20 March 2026 establishing model identification documents and model declarations for non-commercial movements of pet animals (OJ L, 2026/705, 27.3.2026).

The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptations:

(a) In Part 1 of Annex I on the cover of the model passport, the words “European Union” shall be replaced by the words “European Union/Norway”.

(b) In Part 1 of Annex I, the image of the Norwegian flag may be used on the cover of the passport in addition to the EU flag.

[8] OJ L, 2026/848, 16.4.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2026/848/oj

[9] OJ L 130, 28.5.2018, p. 1.

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This act shall not apply to Iceland.'

2. The following indent is added in point 13f (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692):

'- **32026 R 0135**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/135 of 20 January 2026 (OJ L, 2026/135, 13.4.2026).'

3. Point 13g (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035) is amended as follows:

(i) The following indent is added:

'- **32026 R 0132**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/132 of 20 January 2026 (OJ L, 2026/132, 27.3.2026).'

(ii) Adaptations (a) and (b) are renumbered as adaptations (c) and (d).

(iii) The following adaptations are added:

'(a) In Article 71(4)(a), the words "or, as regards Norway, before 1 June 2016" shall be inserted after the words "29 December 2014".

(b) In Article 71(4)(b), the words "or, as regards Norway, before the date of the entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 289/2026 of 23 October 2026" shall be inserted after the words "22 April 2026".'

4. The following indent is added in point 13h (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689):

'- **32026 R 0134**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/134 of 20 January 2026 (OJ L, 2026/134, 27.3.2026).'

5. The following indent is added in point 13p (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/403):

'- **32026 R 0848**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/848 of 10 April 2026 (OJ L, 2026/848, 16.4.2026).'

6. The following indent is added in point 13s (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688):

'- **32026 R 0133**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/133 of 20 January 2026 (OJ L, 2026/133, 27.3.2026).'

7. The following is inserted after point 13y (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/2623):

'13z. **32026 R 0131**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/131 of 20 January 2026 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards animal health requirements for non-commercial movement of pet animals (OJ L, 2026/131, 27.3.2026).

The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptations:

(a) In Article 31, the words "or, as regards Norway, before the date of the entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 289/2026 of 23 October 2026" shall be inserted after the words "22 April 2026".

(b) In Article 31(b), the words "or, as regards Norway, before 1 June 2016" shall be inserted after the words "29 December 2014".

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This act shall not apply to Iceland.'

8. The text of point 10b (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/772) is deleted.

Article 2

The texts of Delegated Regulations (EU) 2026/131, (EU) 2026/132, (EU) 2026/133, (EU) 2026/134 and (EU) 2026/135 and Implementing Regulations (EU) 2026/636, (EU) 2026/705 and (EU) 2026/848 in the Norwegian language, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 24 October 2026, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made*.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 23 October 2026.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President

Pascal Schafhauser

The Secretaries
To the EEA Joint Committee

Knut Hermansen *Matúš Minárik*

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* No constitutional requirements indicated.